

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are canceled herein. Claims 24-46 are added herein. Claims 24-46 now remain pending in the present application.

Interview

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for granting and conducting an Interview for the subject application on July 19, 2006. During the Interview, the Applicant stressed that Tanaka fails to use a PDA itself to determine a proximity to another PDA device. Tanaka relies on a cellular telecommunications network to determine a proximity to another device, with such reliance requiring a subscription to a cellular service. Applicant's claimed features rely on a PDA device that would, e.g., not require any type of paid service to determine a proximity to another PDA device. The cited prior art fails to disclose or suggest using the PDA device itself to determine a proximity to another PDA device for any reason, much less to as a basis to send a reminder.

Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 20 and 23 over Tanaka

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4-6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 20 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,542,749. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claims 1, 4-6, 8, 12, 15, 16, 20 and 23 are canceled herein. However, comments are provided below for new claims 24-46 over Tanaka.

Claims 2, 3, 9-11, 14, 17-19 and 22 over Tanaka in view of Erikson

In the Office Action, claims 2, 3, 9-11, 14, 17-19 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Tanaka in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,622,018 to Erikson ("Erikson"). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claims 2, 3, 9-11, 14, 17-19 and 22 are canceled herein. However, comments are provided below for new claims 24-46 over Tanaka.

Claim 7, 13 and 21 over Tanaka in view of Yan and Berstis

In the Office Action, claims 7, 13 and 21 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Tanaka in view of Yan, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,650,894 to Berstis et al. (“Berstis”). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claims 7, 13 and 21 are canceled herein. However, comments are provided below for new claims 24-46 over Tanaka.

Comments for New Claims 24-46

Claims 24-46 recite a system and method using a wireless PDA device to detect a proximity to another wireless PDA device.

As discussed above, during the Interview the Applicant pointed out that Tanaka relies on a server 108 that performs a search for candidates for automatic connections (see col. 16, lines 22-28). The distance between a first selected user and all other active users is examined by the server through accessing a database (see Tanaka, col. 16, lines 29-53). Thus Tanaka relies on a server and a database distinct from a wireless PDA to determine a distance between a first wireless PDA and a second wireless PDA **NOT** using a wireless PDA device to detect a proximity to another wireless PDA device, as recited by claims 24-46.

A benefit of a system and method wherein a reminder is automatically transferred to another wireless PDA device when a detected proximity between two PDA devices is less than about a pre-established threshold is, e.g., the ability to restrict a reminder to a user of another PDA without relying on an extraneous communication network. Many PDAs have built in capability to communicate with other PDAs through WiFi, infrared and/or Bluetooth front end(s). In many instances a user of a PDA may desire a restricted number of users receive a transfer of information, e.g., persons within a meeting. By basing direct transfer of a reminder from one PDA to another PDA on a pre-established threshold, a PDA user can share a reminder with restricted recipients in close proximity without relying on an extraneous communication

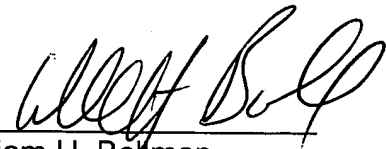
network as disclosed by Tanaka, e.g., in a meeting. The cited prior art fails to disclose or suggest the claimed features having such benefits.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 24-46 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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